

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-09-014**

**SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS RON FRENCH AND TOM STINNETT**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 04-08-008, ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY (20) YEARS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in regular session assembled on September 19, 2019.

**WHEREAS**, on August 26, 2004, Blount County and Atmos Energy entered into a Franchise Agreement pursuant to the Resolution No. 04-08-008 adopted by this body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franchise Agreement set forth an initial term limit of ten (10) years with an additional five (5) year period following the initial term; and

**WHEREAS**, the term expires at the end of August 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties agree to an extension of the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Atmos Energy has similar Franchise Agreements with the Cities of Maryville and Alcoa and both Cities have approved ordinances extending the Franchise Agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners believe an extension to be in the best interest of the County; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, as follows:

That Section 1 of Resolution No. 04-08-008 granting a Franchise Agreement to Atmos Energy shall be amended by adding at the end of the section to read as follows:

Grant & Term. Following the initial ten-year term and the additional five-year period, this Ordinance shall continue in force for an additional twenty (20) year period unless such franchise is terminated sooner pursuant to Section 14 hereof.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to effect this amendment to the Franchise Agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.**

**Duly authorized and approved this 19th day of September, 2019.**

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION**

**ATTEST**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Chairman

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County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

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County Mayor

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Date